

what steps are necessary to protect the State's interest therein.

We have appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Davis and Steiner.

By order,  
AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

Which was read.

Mr. Fowler submitted the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
January 14th, 1874.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We have received your message requesting the appointment of a Joint Committee, to consist of two members on the part of the Senate, and three members on the part of the House of Delegates, whose duty it shall be to visit the Maryland Hospital, at Spring Grove, Baltimore county, and to report to the two Houses the condition of said Institution, the manner in which it is conducted, and what steps are necessary to protect the State's interest therein, and concur therein.

We have appointed on the part of the House of Delegates, Messrs. Fowler, Loane and Clark.

By order,  
MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message :

BY THE SENATE,  
January 14th, 1874.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We propose, with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, the appointment of a Joint Special Committee of five, two on the part of the Senate, and three on the part of the House, to visit the House of Refuge and the Maryland Penitentiary, and to examine into their condition, the manner in which they are conducted, and to report to the two Houses.

We have appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Blake and Aydelotte.

By order,  
A. GASSAWAY,  
Secretary Senate.

Which was read.